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SUBJECT: REGIONAL STUDY ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS SUPPLY RE-
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1. THE SECRETARY HAS DIRECTED THAT A FULL-SCALE REVIEW OF POSSIBLE LIMITATIONS ON THE TRAFFIC IN CONVENTIONAL ARMS BE UNDERTAKEN WITH A VIEW TOWARD MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHAT FURTHER ACTIONS IN THIS REGARD MIGHT MOST USEFULLY BE TAKEN. THE REVIEW IS BEING SUBDIVIDED INTO REGIONAL (AND SUB-REGIONAL) STUDIES.

2. AS PART OF THE ARA STUDY, ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON THE BELOW LISTED SUBJECTS. NO APPROACH TO HOST COUNTRY IS CONTEMPLATED. WE ARE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN HAVING RESPONSES FROM THE HOST COUNTRY POINT OF VIEW, I.E., WE ARE NOT ASKING POSTS TO DO A REGIONAL ANALYSIS.

- (1) FACTORS FAVORING REGIONAL CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT.
- (2) OBSTACLES TO REGIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT.
- (3) POSSIBLE SUB-REGIONAL APPROACHES, E.G., CENTRAL AMERICA, ANDEAN COUNTRIES, "BIG SIX", AYACUCHO SIGNATORIES, BRAZIL-ARGENTINA, ETC.
- (4) LATIN AMERICAN SENSITIVITY TO A U.S. LEAD IN REGIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT.
- (5) MOST FEASIBLE RESTRAINT ARRANGEMENTS, E.G., NON-ACQUISITION, CEILINGS, DISARMAMENT, ETC.

3. ONE OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY IS TO HAVE A CLEAR ELABORATION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS AND PROSPECTS FOR ARMS SUPPLY RESTRAINT IN EACH REGION. BECAUSE PROSPECTY FOR RESTRAINT MAY SEEM SO UNPROMISING IN LATIN AMERICA, YOU SHOULD ALSO LOOK BEYOND THE CURRENT SCENE AND EXAMINE THE PRE-CONDITIONS WHICH WOULD MAKE ARMS RESTRAINT MORE FEASIBLE AS WELL AS POLICIES WHICH THE U.S. MIGHT FOLLOW IN THE LONGER TIME FRAME TO HELP BRING ABOUT SUCH PRE-CONDITIONS. SINCE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION COULD PRE-EMPT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ON THESE ISSUES,,YOU SHOULD EXAMINE WHAT POLICIES THE U.S.,SHOULD PURSUE IF CONGRESS SHOULD TERMINATE OR DRASTICALLY REDUCE FOREIGN SECURITY ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

4. FULL CONSIDERATION SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO INDUCEMENTS AND INCENTIVES WHICH MIGHT INFLUENCE COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT

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ARMS RESTRAINT. SOME OF THESE MIGHT DEPEND ON U.S. ACTIONS, SUCH AS (A) SUBSTITUTION OF U.S. SECURITY GUARANTEES FOR ARMS, OR (B) LIBERAL SUPPLY OF U.S. ARMS IN LIEU OF LOCAL PRODUCTION,,OR A COMBINATION OF THESE.

5. TO BE MOST HELPFUL, RESPONSES SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT BY COB, JANUARY 26. SISCO

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